

CAA Champions!

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CAA Champions! It rolls like honey off the tongues of Dukes in the JMU Nation, and it's been 20 years in the making.

The 2009–10 JMU women's basketball team overcame more than longtime CAA rival Old Dominion University to win the 2010 CAA Championship — they overcame personal illness; having sole senior, Sarah Williams; and more than a decade of “oh-so-close” moments and second places. The last time the women took the CAA title was 1989 under coach Sheila Moorman.

Junior guard Dawn Evans, who won the 2010 CAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player trophy, has also been selected as a finalist for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association State Farm All-America Team. Evans averaged 24.6 points and 4.6 assists a game while helping lead the Dukes to the CAA Championship and an NCAA Tournament berth.

Women's basketball athletics trainer Sherry Summers ('76, '78M), far left, and coach Kenny Brooks ('91) celebrate the 2010 Colonial Athletic Association Tournament Championship with the 2009-10 women's basketball team. (Inset): Junior guard Dawn Evans won the CAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player trophy. Brooks was a sophomore student at JMU the last time the women captured the CAA title.

Though the team's NCAA dance was short-lived, thanks to Temple University, the JMU Nation's excitement remains. And Evans' accolades continue to roll in: She is among the candidates for the three major national player-of-the-year awards — the Wade Trophy, the Wooden Award and the Naismith Trophy. Read more about the team's storied 2009–10 season at JMUSports.com. **M**

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